3774, amended, Senior Executive Service Diversity Assurance Act; H.R. 5787, amended, Federal Real Property Disposal Enhancement Act of 2008; H.R. 5912, amended, To amend title 39, United States Code, to make cigarettes and certain other tobacco products nonmailable, and for other purposes; H.R. 5811, amended, Electronic Communications Preservation Act; the Thrift Savings Plan Enhancement Act; H. Res. 923, Recognizing the State of Minnesota's 150th anniversary; H. Res. 1113, Celebrating the role of mothers in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of Mother's Day; H. Res. 1114, Supporting the goals and ideals of the Arbor Day Foundation and National Arbor Day; H. Res. 1122, Recognizing Armed Forces Day; and H. Res. 1132, Supporting the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day.

### NASA'S AERONAUTICS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on NASA's Aeronautics Research and Development: Status and Issues. Testimony was heard from Jaiwon Shin, Associate Administrator, Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate, NASA; and public witnesses.

### SMALL BUSINESS-FARMS RAIL TRANSPORTATION ACCESS

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing entitled "Rail Transportation Access for Small Businesses and Family Farmers." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### EDUCATION TAX INCENTIVES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on Education Tax Incentives. Testimony was heard from Michael Brostek, Director, Tax Issues, Strategic Issues Team, GAO; Karen Gilbreath Sowell, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury; Dan Ebersole, Director, Office of Treasury and Fiscal Services, State of Georgia; and public witnesses.

## *Joint Meetings*

### IMPACT OF HIGH FOOD PRICES

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the ways that high food prices are impacting American families, after receiving testimony from Joseph Glauber, Chief Economist, Department of Agriculture; George Braley, America's Second Harvest, and Tom Buis, National Farmers Union, both of Washington, D.C.; and Richard Reinwald, Reinwald's Bakery, Huntington, New York, on behalf of the Retail Bakers of America and the American Bakers Association.

### FARM BILL EXTENSION ACT

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

*(For last listing of Public Laws, see* DAILY DIGEST, *p. D518)*

H.R. 1119, to amend title 36, United States Code, to revise the congressional charter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America, Incorporated, to authorize associate membership in the corporation for the spouse and siblings of a recipient of the Purple Heart medal. Signed on April 30, 2008. (Public Law 110–207)

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2008

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee:* to hold hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for April 2008, 9:30 a.m., SD–562.